

REMARKS

Applicants request favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1, 4, 6-16, 18, 20, 22, 29, 31, 32, and 34 are pending in the present application, with Claims 1 and 29 being independent. Claims 24 and 26 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 6-12, 14, and 34 stand withdrawn from consideration.

Claims 1 and 29 have been amended. Applicants submit that support for these amendments can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 4, 13, 15-16, 18, 20, 22, 29, 31 and 32 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5, and 7-24 of copending Application No. 09/772,989 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,663,831 (Mashitani et al.) and PCT Patent Publication No. WO 95/05052 (Callan). Applicants respectfully submit that, since this is the only outstanding rejection, this provisional rejection should be withdrawn and this application should be passed to issue in accordance with M.P.E.P. §822.01.

Further, Applicants respectfully traverse the provisional rejection. As now recited in independent Claims 1 and 29, the present invention includes the features wherein a first optical system has a lenticular lens having a meridonal line direction that is vertical, a second optical system has a lenticular lens having a meridonal line direction that is vertical and a lenticular lens having a meridonal line direction that is horizontal, in that

order with respect to the first optical system, and each of the lens elements of the lenticular lens having a meridional line direction that is horizontal is respectively directed to each of horizontal stripe images to focus light from the horizontal stripe images onto an optical modulator as stripes. Applicants submit that neither the cited copending application nor the other cited art either discloses or suggests at least these features, and therefore the pending claims are not obvious over those of the cited copending application.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that Claims 1, 4, 13, 15-16, 18, 20, 22, 29, 31 and 32 are patentable.

Further, Applicants submit that each of the withdrawn claims depends from allowed Claim 1 and therefore should also be allowed.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested. Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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